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Reorganization continues full throttle

908th and reserve to mirror changes to Air Force wings

The New Year means new beginnings. In keeping with that tradition, the 908th puts a formal stamp on its efforts to comply with the Air Force Chief of Staff directed reorganization efforts with a “mega ceremony” Sunday, Jan. 12 at 7 a.m. in Polifka Auditorium.

Major changes in the way Air Force wings are organized began Oct. 1. Those changes include creation of a new maintenance group, restructuring support groups and reducing the taskings of operations groups.

Last April Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper di-

rected that all Air Force active-duty, Reserve and Air National Guard wings adopt the new standard wing structure to enhance the service’s warfighting capabilities.

“After careful deliberations with major command commanders, we reached a decision on a new wing organizational structure that standardizes operations across the Air Force and enhances our expeditionary capabilities,” General Jumper said.

The five major changes involved in the standard wing concept include:

◆ All aircraft and space maintenance

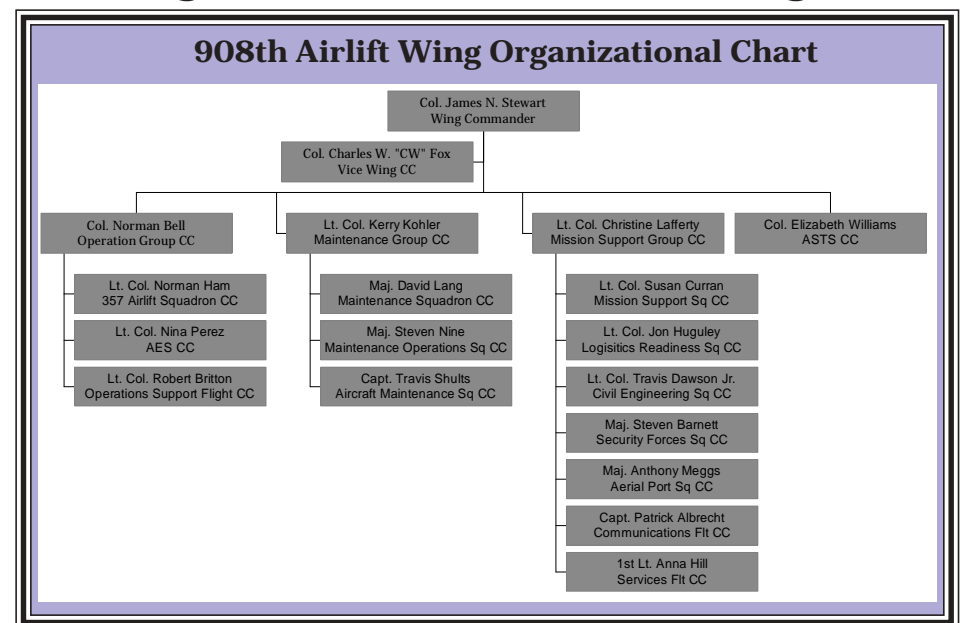
specialists currently assigned to operations and logistics groups transfer to newly created maintenance groups.

◆ Supply and transportation squadrons combine to form logistics readiness squadrons.

◆ Contracting squadrons, aerial ports and logistics readiness squadrons transfer into existing support groups, which will be renamed “mission support group.”

◆ Logistics plans functions transfer to the newly created logistics readiness squadrons.

◆ New accessions began in April in the logistics readiness of-



ficer career field initiative, which combined three officer career fields — supply, transportation and logistics plans.

AFRC has a year

from October 2002 to implement the standard Air Force wing structure.

“We’ll take our time to ensure those changes cause the minimum amount of turmoil,” said Maj. Gen. John J. Batbie Jr., AFRC vice commander, following the announcement last spring. “There should be little need for variation or exception. Change is always difficult and disruptive, but our challenge at all levels of Air Force Reserve Command is to embrace the Air Force changes and do everything to make this a positive, fluid change.”

Jumper emphasized the importance of these changes, saying operation and maintenance of air and space weapons systems are core competencies of the Air Force.

“Operations group activities focus on planning and executing air and space

power,” he said. “Commanders of operations groups are charged with leading their units in combat. They will continue to be considered leaders and role models in the tactical employment of their weapons systems...(and) will be increasingly involved in planning and training for the operational level of war.”

The chief of staff said aging aircraft and space fleets, coupled with years of resource shortfalls, will require maintainers to skillfully balance sortie production with the condition of those fleets. He said maintenance groups will need to respond to challenges with the same skill and proficiency as other groups in the wing structure.

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Photo by Jeff Melvin

Sounds of the season

The Air Force Reserve Band's Dixie Express, a six-piece ensemble that features the sounds of traditional jazz with a New Orleans-revival flavor, serenade 908th members with some

holiday season tunes. In town for their annual Glenn Miller concert, band members decided to pay a visit to their fellow reservists and dispense some holiday cheer.

Hold on to your hats, off we go into 2003



By Col. James Stewart
908th Airlift Wing commander

I hope you all had a great Christmas and a wonderful beginning to the New Year!

You've probably seen on the news that the President has directed that military members and those involved in the health professions, police, fire etc. be vaccinated for Smallpox. As of the time this paper went to press, the details of exactly when

reservists are to receive their shot is not known. However, given the sense of urgency with which this program has been moving, I'm pretty sure we will have more information for you during the January UTA.

As for the Anthrax vaccinations, our 22 AF leadership has informed me that only those unit members who will deploy to Southwest Asia will receive the shot immediately. The supply is still relatively limited and the priority will remain on those who will be deploying into high threat areas. However, I think we will all get the shot eventually. Again, we may have more info on this by the UTA.

Our first scheduled deployment for 2003 will be in support of Operation Joint Forge. During this deployment, our aircraft, aircrews

and maintenance people will be providing airlift support to peacekeeping operations in the Balkans. From past reports/experience, Joint Forge will provide our aircrews and maintainers with significant challenges. However, it also offers them an opportunity to spend some time in beautiful Germany.

In addition to deployments, we're still facing a UCI in November. So,

it is time for us to do our semi-annual self inspections to help us get ready. Also, we just received our long awaited SAV report. Therefore, we will need to complete all the responses to the write ups by the end of the March UTA.

All-in-all, we are going to be busy this year.....so hold onto your hat and off we go into 2003!



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Beginning a New Year



By Chaplain (Capt.) Jamie Danford
908th Airlift Wing staff chaplain

Beginnings are very important. How we end a task is often dependent on how we begin.

Do we just rush in without warning? Do we gather all information and then proceed? Do we stop and ask for guidance?

This is the month of beginnings. January is seen by many as a chance to start over. We have the tradition of setting New Year's Resolutions as a way of saying, "out with the old and in with the new."

As we begin a New Year let us not forget to do the most important thing. Let us not forget to ask for God's blessings on this year. Let us ask Him to guide our steps and give us His presence as we live and make our daily decisions.

As we stand and look forward to 2003, let us remember to start well. Do not just celebrate and make resolutions. Pray for God's blessing and direction this year.



Photo by Jeff Melvin

Kohler takes helm of Maintenance Group

Lt. Col. Kerry Kohler has assumed command of the 90th Maintenance Group. Kohler comes to the 908th from Barksdale AFB, La.'s 917th Wing where he commanded the 917th Maintenance Squadron. Kohler's settling in, a task that should be much easier when his family arrives; they're expected to move to Montgomery just in time for Christmas.

Bush orders smallpox shots for military, first responders

By Kathleen T. Rhem
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — President Bush announced Dec. 13 that he has ordered smallpox vaccinations to begin for military personnel.

He also recommended medical personnel and first responders receive the vaccine, but on a voluntary basis. Administration officials stopped short of recommending widespread vaccinations of the American public.

"Men and women who could be on the frontlines of a biological attack must be protected," the president said during an afternoon press briefing in the Eisenhower Executive Office Building.

The president stressed his decision was not based on a specific threat, but on the renewed focus on security brought about by the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks and the

subsequent anthrax attacks through the mail.

"To protect our citizens in the aftermath of Sept. 11, we are evaluating old threats in a new light," he said.

Smallpox is highly contagious viral disease. It is often fatal and nearly always disfiguring. There is no cure or treatment.

The eradication of smallpox as a naturally occurring disease is one of the greatest triumphs of the World Health Organization. Bush noted the risk of smallpox was so remote by 1972 the United States quit routine vaccinations.

The military continued vaccinating recruits until 1990.

A DoD release indicated the department will immunize personnel based on their occupational responsibilities, with emergency response teams and hospital and

clinic workers receiving the vaccine first. Next will be those individuals with "critical mission capabilities."

The smallpox vaccine is licensed by the Food and Drug Administration and is from the same stocks used before routine vaccinations stopped in the 1970s. Though the vaccine is considered safe and effective, vaccination is not without risks. Medical officials warn that there is a slight possibility of severe reactions for some people.

Public health officials warn that pregnant women, individuals with weakened immune systems, and those with certain skin disorders shouldn't receive the smallpox vaccine.

During today's announcement, Bush said he'd be vaccinated because he wouldn't order military personnel to take anything he wasn't

willing to take himself. However, he added, his family and staff would not be getting the vaccines because public health and national security experts are not recommending them for the general public.

"These vaccinations are a precaution only and not a response to any information concerning imminent danger," Bush said. "Given the current level of the threat, and the inherent health risks of the vaccine, we have decided not to initiate a broader vaccination program for all Americans at this time."

The president noted that the cautionary vaccinations are a necessary step to guard against possible threats to the nation. "It is prudent to prepare for the possibility that terrorists who kill indiscriminately would use disease as a weapon," he said.

908th mirrors AF changes

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"Mission support, in the expeditionary, rapid reaction, contingency-based Air Force of today is (another) core competency," he said. "The Air Force will develop a career path for commanders who understand the full scope of home station employment and sustainment, and deployment, beddown and sustainment at contingency locations: crisis actions, force protection, unit type code preparation, load planning, contracting actions, bare base and tent city preparation, munitions site planning, personnel readiness, expeditionary combat support, etc."

Jumper said medical groups will continue to focus on maintaining a fit and ready force, with no change to the structure of those groups.

"I fully understand the magnitude of these changes," Jumper said. "The goal is to achieve a more capable Air Force with professionals who understand and are capable of meeting our ever-increasing, complex mission." (Compiled from Air Force Print News and AFRC News Service releases)



Photo by Maj. Jerry Lobb

Christmas cheer

Left, 908th First Sergeants Council members sort non-perishable food items and toys donated by wing people along with \$1,811 in cash contributions. Nine 908th families received a basket and the cash was used to purchase Super Wal-Mart gift certificates, allowing the recipients the flexibility to purchase whatever best suited their needs: food, toys or clothing. The First Sergeants praised wing personnel for their generosity and concern for members of the 908th family.

WAI Conference 2003

Women aviation enthusiasts gather for fellowship, exchange, celebration of 100th anniversary of flight

Three deserving wing women have a chance to attend the 14th Annual International Women in Aviation Conference, scheduled for Cincinnati, Ohio, March 20-22, 2003.

"Colonel Stewart has approved three slots: 1 female officer, 1 female NCO and 1 female airman. They must be nominated by their commanders and be in aviation AFSCs or AFSCs directly related to aviation," said 908th Airlift Wing Vice Commander Col. C.W. Fox, head of the wing Human Resources Development Council.

Fox added that commanders' should include their nominee's current AFSC/job in their nomination letter. Nomination letters (hard copy or e-mail) are due to the 908th AW/CC by close of business Jan. 15.

The Air Force Reserve Command HRDC will hold its next quarterly meeting in conjunction with the WAI Convention which will help celebrate the 100th anniversary of aviation. The conference theme is Celebration of Flight: Saluting the Past, Embracing the Future.

Invited speakers include: Space Shuttle Commander Eileen Collins; Businesswoman and co-owner of King Schools, Martha King; NTSB Board Chairman Marion Blakey; Airbus Industrie President Allan McArtor; Academy award winning actor and aviation enthusiast Cliff Robertson, and astronaut Neil Armstrong.

In addition to the roster of speakers and more than 30 individual education sessions, WAI also awards numerous scholarships

sponsored by industry to deserving members. Since its inception the organization has helped give away nearly \$3 million in scholarships.

The conference ends with a closing banquet that will pay tribute to 100 women who have made significant contributions to aviation history.

The Conference, to be held at the Convention Center in Cincinnati, will offer a wide variety of educational, scholarship and networking opportunities, special events and exhibits.

The educational program covers topics such as aviation safety, airline careers, aviation history, business and corporate flying, military opportunities, general aviation, maintenance, networking, problem solving, and starting your own busi-

ness. In addition, there will be seminars offering advice on how to balance career and family.

Attendees will be able to gather information on aerospace companies, airlines, colleges and universities, the military, museums, publishers, aviation apparel businesses, plus much more in the Exhibit Hall.

The International Women in Aviation Conference is sponsored by Women in Aviation, International (WAI), a non-profit organization with 7,000 members, based in Daytona Beach, Florida. WAI is dedicated to the encouragement and advancement of women in all aviation career fields and interests. Its membership includes astronauts, corporate pilots, maintenance technicians, air traffic controllers, busi-

ness owners, flight attendants, high school and university students, air show performers, and airport managers.

For more information, contact WAI at 101 Corsair Drive, Daytona Beach, FL 32114, Phone (386) 226-7996; Fax (386) 226-7998; Web www.wiai.org.

For complete details on AFRC Human Resources Development Council and the WAI convention such as fees, registration information and deadlines, attendees responsibilities, etc., should go to <https://wwwmil.afrc.af.mil/special/hrdc/Events/WAI.htm>.

Those without access to a military computer, should e-mail Master Sgt. Rodney Hage at Rodney.Hage@afrc.af.mil for guidance or call him at 1-800-223-1784 x71345 or DSN: 497-1345

High Flight

Pilot scheduler praises AMC's orientation, mentoring program for command's top captains



Capt. Jeremy Mickelson

Lively discussion, camaraderie and motivational charge are but a few of the benefits reaped from attendance at High Flight, a program that targets the Air Force's best and brightest captains, says the 908th's most recent member of this elite group, 357th Airlift Squadron pilot scheduler Capt. Jeremy Mickelson.

High Flight's objectives are to provide a HQ Air Mobility Command orientation and facilitate an open forum between attendees and AMC senior staff. Eighty AMC active duty, ANG, and reserve captains and their spouses are selected to attend.

"Our daily itinerary consisted of multiple lectures by command level functional area managers. The common thread throughout the week was a charge to pursue excellence," Mickelson, who attended a High Flight session in August, said.

Many hot issues were addressed, Mickelson added. He singled out an executive session and question and answer period in which AMC Director of Operations Maj. Gen. Roger Brady discussed the single track pilot initiative and commented on the command's current ops tempo along with projections for the future as particularly noteworthy.

Mickelson said he enjoyed his High Flight experience and urged the 908th to continue to nominate its best and brightest captains for the program.

"While it was an honor to attend, I found the greatest reward to be the motivational charge I received. I was pleased to have spent a week being mentored by the Air Force's top leaders. Additionally, my wife, Tina, and I enjoyed the camaraderie shared with our fellow classmates. Upon my return home, I found myself 'charged' to return to duty with the theme of High Flight readily internalized – the pursuit of excellence," he said.

Amos breaks more lifting records, adds boxing to arsenal

By Airman Jonathan Ortiz-Torres
Maxwell-Gunter Dispatch Fitness
and Sports Editor

Nothing will stop Dru Amos from reaching heights that people may rule out as impossible for a woman her age.

At 44, Amos clinched three new world records and placed first overall in two separate meets in November.

Amos, NCO in charge of the 25th Aerial Port Squadron orderly room, broke the world records at the World Natural Powerlifting Federation's Championship in the master's division (ages 40-44) in Atlanta, Ga.

Competing in the 123-pound weight division she posted a 240-pound squat, 160-pound bench press and a 365-pound dead lift.

In the last week of November she competed at the Amateur Powerlifting Championship at Marietta, Ga., and placed first place overall with a combined score of 740 pounds in all three events.

Amos' dedication to powerlifting is unshakable as illustrated by an incident last Mothers Day when she was struck

by a car while cycling. Shortly after the accident, she competed at the Air and Education Training Command's Muscle Mania May 19 and won overall for the second time even though her knee was swollen from the accident.

Growing up in Illinois, Amos always had an interest in athletics playing on her school's basketball and softball teams, she said. A few years after that she began building her muscle strength when she took an interest in bodybuilding.

Dissatisfied with bodybuilding, she decided to venture into the realm of powerlifting and has been a dedicated trainer even with three sons and a 7-year-old granddaughter.

"I really would like to encourage other women to go out and set their goals and dreams ... and actually accomplish them," Amos said.

With many powerlifting championships, competitions and other events under her belt, Amos has now taken up another challenge, boxing.

"I've seen female

Right, Dru Amos works her upper body at the Maxwell Fitness Center. A multiple world record-setting powerlifter, she goes through a strict 6-day weekly muscle strength and endurance training cycle.

boxers and I definitely know I can do that especially with my endurance training which has prepared me well," she said.

"I plan to enter the Air Force training camp in hopes of making the Air Force Boxing Team."

"One of my main goals is for my name to be placed among those elite people placed on the (Air Force) Enlisted Heritage Hall walls like Gene Bell, (world powerlifting champion)," said Amos.

"Dru's a great athlete with unlimited potential," said Master Sgt. Gene Bell, superintendent of Air Force Fitness and Sports Services Agency and Amos' coach for a year and a half now. "She'll eventually win more national competitions which is unusual for her age," Bell added.



Photo by Katie Blair, Maxwell-Gunter Dispatch

Operation Care Package takes off

Below, Air University Air Command and Staff College faculty member U.S. Army Lt. Col. Phil Parker, right, looks on as 357AS loadmaster Tech. Sgt. Jamie Ray checks bindings on a pallet of donations from local community and military people aimed to make the holiday season brighter for deployed service members at Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan. One of the 908th C-130s transported the packages to Charleston AFB, S.C., where the packages were then placed onboard an aircraft bound for the troops in Southwest Asia. According to Parker, the ACSC student-led drive dubbed "Operation Care Package" received overwhelming civilian and military community support. The students collected snacks, comfort items and non-perishable gifts for soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines serving in Operation Enduring Freedom.



Photo by Jeff Melvin

Travelers to file split disbursement this year

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. — All Air Force government travel card holders can expect to be filing split disbursements on their travel vouchers starting in the spring.

The Air Force is making the current optional process mandatory to combat delinquent government travel card payments to Bank of America, which holds the government travel card contract.

"It will especially help

people who tend to procrastinate," said Rhonda Griggers-Evans, government travel card service coordinator for Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command. "They don't need to write a check or even put a stamp on an envelope. They know the bill is paid."

Griggers-Evans expects split disbursements to become mandatory during the April to June timeframe.

She said using the process is a simple, easy way to

manage government travel cards. Account holders select the option when filing their travel voucher and enter how much they want Bank of America to receive toward their bill. The payment is sent directly from their finance office to Bank of America.

Air Force officials said split disbursements reduce operating costs and make it easier to avoid late fees and delinquencies. (AFRC News Service)

Defense bill OKs military pay raise, other incentives to join, stay

WASHINGTON – A minimum 4.1 percent military pay raise, more time to use education benefits and more incentive to join the Air Force Reserve are among the provisions of the fiscal year 2003 National Defense Authorization Act.

Signed into law Dec. 2 by President George W. Bush, the act authorizes an across-the-board pay raise of 4.1 percent with higher targeted raises for mid-level and senior NCOs and mid-grade officers.

In other ways, the FY 2003 defense bill mirrors the Department of Defense Appropriations Act signed by the president Oct. 23. Both bills call for end strengths of 75,600 reservists and 1,498 full-time Active Guard and Reserve members, as well as 9,911 full-time

air reserve technicians in Air Force Reserve Command.

Congress differed, however, over funding for the command. The authorization act called for \$1.5 million more for operation and maintenance funding to train, organize and run the command, and an additional \$18.4 million for military construction, primarily at March Air Reserve Base, Calif.

Several provisions of the authorization act are designed to make life easier for reservists.

To be eligible for a non-regular military retirement, reservists must now serve six years rather than eight years of continuous reserve component service immediately before qualifying for retired pay.

The authorization bill extends the maxi-

mum period reservists have to use their Montgomery GI Bill-Selected Reserve benefit from 10 years to 14 years. Another provision treats an obligation to refund the United States as a debt when a reservist must repay Montgomery GI Bill benefits because he or she failed to participate satisfactorily in the Selected Reserve.

Congress also wants the Department of Defense to clamp down on travel card abuses. DOD is authorized to withhold or deduct from the pay of a DOD employee or member of the armed forces funds for payment of delinquent travel card charges when the person is delinquent in paying and does not dispute the amount of the delinquency.

When authorized by the service secretary, a service member may

receive a one-time emergency leave of absence of up to 14 days for a qualifying emergency in order to avoid entering an unearned leave status or excess leave status.

Enlisted people may receive more basic allowance for subsistence when they are assigned to single government quarters without adequate availability of meals from a government messing facility.

The services have the option of reducing the three-year time-in-grade requirement for retirement of officers in the grades of O-4 and above.

To help families, Congress authorized continued eligibility of family members for TRICARE Prime Remote when the sponsoring service member is ordered to active duty for more than 30 days and transferred

from a duty that qualified the family for care but the family is not authorized to accompany the sponsor at the new duty assignment. Certain surviving dependents may enroll in the TRICARE Dental Program after the family discontinued enrollment in the program.

Each year Congress renews one-year extensions of bonuses and special pay. This year's extensions through Dec. 31, 2003, include:

Special pay for health-care professionals who serve in the Selected Reserve in critically short war-time specialties;

Selected Reserve affiliation, enlistment and re-enlistment bonuses;

Special pay for enlisted members of the Selected Reserve assigned to certain high-priority units;

Ready Reserve enlistment and re-enlistment bonuses; and

Prior-service enlistment bonus until Dec. 31, 2003.

To attract more prior-service people with critical skills, the enlistment bonus rates increased from a maximum of \$5,000 to \$8,000 for a six-year enlistment and from \$2,500 to \$4,000 for three years. The incentive to re-enlist or extend for another three years went from \$2,000 to \$3,500 for people who enlisted for three years.

As another enlistment incentive, Congress extended the time period members who enlist in the reserve delayed training program may remain in the program from 270 days to one year. (AFRC News Service)

2003 Reserve Pay for Four Drills

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		Under 2	Over 2	Over 3	Over 4	Over 6	Over 8	Over 10	Over 12	Over 14	Over 16	Over 18	Over 20	Over 22	Over 24	Over 26
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	O-6	613.76	674.28	718.52	718.52	721.28	752.16	756.28	756.28	799.28	875.24	919.84	964.44	989.80	1015.48	1065.32
	O-5	511.68	576.40	616.32	623.80	648.64	663.60	696.36	720.40	751.40	798.92	821.56	843.88	869.28	869.28	869.28
	O-4	441.48	511.04	545.16	552.76	584.40	618.36	660.60	693.52	716.36	729.48	737.12	737.12	737.12	737.12	737.12
	O-3	388.16	440.04	474.96	517.80	542.60	569.80	587.44	616.44	631.48	631.48	631.48	631.48	631.48	631.48	631.48
	O-2	335.36	381.96	439.92	454.76	464.16	464.16	464.16	464.16	464.16	464.16	464.16	464.16	464.16	464.16	464.16
	O-1	291.16	303.00	366.24	366.24	366.24	366.24	366.24	366.24	366.24	366.24	366.24	366.24	366.24	366.24	366.24
	O-3E				517.80	542.60	569.80	587.44	616.44	640.84	654.80	673.92	673.92	673.92	673.92	673.92
	O-2E				454.76	464.16	478.92	503.84	523.12	537.48	537.48	537.48	537.48	537.48	537.48	537.48
	O-1E				366.24	391.16	405.60	420.36	434.88	454.76	454.76	454.76	454.76	454.76	454.76	454.76
	E-9							475.24	486.00	499.60	515.60	531.64	557.44	579.24	600.84	634.32
	E-8						396.72	408.16	418.84	431.68	445.60	470.68	483.40	505.00	517.00	546.56
	E-7	275.80	301.04	312.52	323.76	335.52	355.72	367.12	378.44	398.72	408.84	418.48	424.36	444.20	457.04	489.52
	E-6	236.08	259.68	271.16	282.28	293.88	320.12	330.32	341.64	351.56	355.08	361.28	361.28	361.28	361.28	361.28
	E-5	216.72	231.16	242.32	253.80	271.60	286.92	298.24	304.44	304.44	304.44	304.44	304.44	304.44	304.44	304.44
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	E-3	180.92	192.28	203.84	203.84	203.84	203.84	203.84	203.84	203.84	203.84	203.84	203.84	203.84	203.84	203.84
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Reservists will receive a drill-pay increase ranging from 4.1 percent to 9.5 percent, effective Jan. 1. Source: Defense Authorization

January UTA Schedule

Time	Time	Event	Location/OPR
Friday, Jan. 10, 2003			
1630	1900	Commanders' Staff Meeting	Bldg. 1056/CC Conference Room
Saturday, Jan. 11, 2003			
0730	0800	Sign In	Orderly Room
0730	0800	Newcomers' Flight Reception	Bldg. 1056/Rm 101/DPMT
0800	0830	Newcomers' Intro/Orientation	Bldg. 1056/Rm 101/DPMT
0800	1100	Lab Work/DNA/HIV/Blood Testing	Bldg. 760/Lab
0820	1500	Physicals	Bldg. 760/First Floor
0830	1030	Shots (Yellow Fever, 1030-1130)	Bldg. 760/First Floor
0830	0900	Pregnancy Profiles/Weight Waivers/ Fitness for Duty (must have DD Form 689)	Bldg. 711/Records Room
0830	1030	Anthrax Briefings (30 min.)	Bldg. 760/First Floor
0830	1130	Units at Range M-16 (Classroom)	Firing Range/SFS/Combat Arms
0830	1200	M-41 Mask Fit	Bldg. 1055/Rm 1
0900	1100	Security Managers Meeting	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf. Room
0930	1030	Unit Education & Training Managers' Mtg	Bldg. 1056/Cmd Chief's Conf Rm
0930	1000	TDY/PCS OutProcessing	Bldg. 1056/Rm 111, DPMSA
1000	1100	Disaster Preparedness Reps Training	Bldg. 1055
1030	1130	First Sergeants' Meeting	Golf Course Snack Bar
1200	1600	Gas Mask/A1 Bag Issue	Bldg. 848/West Side
1200	1500	Units at Range M-9 (Classroom)	Firing Range/SFS/Combat Arms
1230	1530	Units at Range M-16 (Firing)	Firing Range/SFS/Combat Arms
1230	1530	CDC Testing (Course 5 - SNCOA CD Rom Only)	Bldg. 1056/Rm 101/DPMT
1300	1400	HRDC	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf. Room
1300	1500	Newcomers' MPF In-Processing	Bldg. 1056/Rm 101/DPMS
1300	1630	NBC Defense Training (Refresher)	Bldg. 1154/Rm 119
1330	1400	Fitness for Duty (Must have DD Form 689)	Bldg. 711/Records Room
1700	TBD	Sign Out	Orderly Room
Sunday, Jan. 12, 2003			
0630	0700	Sign in	SOC, Bldg. 1403, Polifka Auditorium
0700	0800	Wing Reorganization Ceremony	SOC, Bldg. 1403, Polifka Auditorium
0715	0815	PERSCO Training	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf. Room
0730	1400	NBC Defense Training (Initial)	Bldg. 1154/Rm 119
0800	0900	NCO Induction Ceremony	SOC, Bldg. 1403, Polifka Auditorium
0800	1100	Units at Range M-9 (Firing)	Firing Range/SFS/Combat Arms
0800	1100	Gas Mask/A1 Bag Issue	Bldg. 848/West Side
0815	0900	3SOX1 Training (All units)	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf. Rm
0830	1130	Units at Range M-16 (Classroom)	Firing Range/SFS/Combat Arms
0830	1130	Pallet Build-up/Joint Inspection	25 APS (Various locations)
0830	0900	Fitness For Duty (Must Have DD Form 689)	Bldg. 711/Records Room
0900	1000	Self Inspection Monitors' Meeting	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf. Room
0900	0930	Worship Service (Recommended)	Bldg. 846/Classroom 2/25 APS
1000	1030	Worship Service (Recommended)	Bldg. 848/Classroom/COM Flight
1000	1100	Career Advisors' Meeting	Bldg. 846/DPMSC
1100	1130	Worship Service (Recommended)	Bldg. 1056/Rm. 101/DPMT
1130	1230	SORTS/Commander Meeting	Cmd Post/CAT Rm/CC
1200	1500	Gas Mask/A1 Bag Issue	Bldg. 848/West Side
1230	1530	Units at Range M-16 (Firing)	Firing Range/SFS/Combat Arm
1230	1530	CDC Testing	Bldg. 1056/Rm. 101/DPMT
1300	1400	Honor Guard Meeting	Bldg. 1056/Cmd. Chief Office
1300	1400	UTA Bulletin Meeting	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf. Room
1400	1500	Chiefs Group Meeting	Bldg. 1056/Cmd. Chief's Office
1430	1500	Worship Service (Recommended)	Bldg. 1055/Classroom 2/CES
1600	TBD	Sign-out	Orderly Room

Support functions' schedule

Activity	Dates & hours of operation		Location/Ext.
MPF Customer Service	Sat, 1300-1700	Sun, 0900-100	Bldg. 1056/3-5522
		Sun, 1200-1600	Bldg. 1056/3-5522
ID Cards	M-F, 0630-1630 Sat, 1300-1700	Sun, 0800-1100	Bldg. 1056/3-5522
		Sun, 1200-1600	Bldg. 1056/3-5522
Reserve Pay	M-F, 0700-1100; 1200-1600	Sat, 0800-1600	Bldg. 1056/3-6722
Medical Records	Sat, 0800-1500	Sun, Closed	Bldg. 711/3-5714
Individual Equipment	Sat, 0800-1530		Bldg. 1154/3-6020
Clothing Sales	Sat, 0900-1500		Bldg. 851/3-7505
Restricted Area Badges	M-F, 0630-1600	Sat, 0800-1200	Bldg. 84/3-4283
Vehicle Registration	M-F, 0730-1600	Sat, 0800-1200	Bldg. 84/3-4283
Geneva Convention Cards	M-F, 0730-1600	Sat, 0800-1200	Bldg. 84/3-4283
Dining Hall	Sat, 0600-0930	Sun, 0600-0930	Bldg. 668/3-5127
	1100-1300	1100-1300	
	1600-1830	1600-1830	
Lodging office/reservations (lodging problems, contact 908th rep via lodging front desk)			Bldg. 1573/3-2401
Photo lab	M-F, 0730-1630	Sun, 1300-1500	Bldg. 926/3-7981

FY 03 UTA Dates

Feb. 8-9, 03; March 8-9, 03; April 5-6, 03;
May 3-4, 03; June 7-8, 03; July 12-13, 03; Aug. 9-10, 03; Sept. 6-7, 03

January UTA Lodging

To access the Lodging Reservation System, please follow these instructions:

- * Make reservations, cancellations or changes at least 24 hours prior to arrival.
- * Call Maxwell at 1-800-673-9356
- * Input your unit's authorization code
- * Dial the system at 3-8557 or 3-8558
- * The system will ask for your SSAN, which you will input with the telephone keypad
- * The system will ask for your personal ID number, followed by the "#" sign. (PIN is available through your First Sergeant or Services 3-7332)
- * The system will ask if you would like to make, change, or cancel a reservation.
- * To make a reservation, input arrival date and then departure date.
- * You will be asked if the reservation is ADT, IDT, or both (ADT: Annual Tour, Mandays, Special Tour) (IDT: UTA, AFTP, RMP, Make-up UTA)
- * If this is a scheduled UTA weekend, the system will tell you where you will be staying
- * If you cancel or change a reservation, you will be prompted for a phone number.
- * ***The confirmation number you receive is for 908th Services use only.***

Note: You can also call the system direct DSN or Commercial. The numbers are: DSN 493-8557/8558 or COMM: (334) 953-8557/8558.

If you have a question please contact Master Sgt. Byron Godwin at:

Commercial: (334) 953-7332

DSN: 493-7332

E-mail: byron.godwin@maxwell.af.mil

Emergency cell: (334) 301-3476

Notice! Checkout time at Maxwell Lodging for the January UTA is 0800 Sunday. If you do not have time to go to the front desk, and do not have a phone charge, there will be a key drop box located in Bldg. 157 (Main Lodging) for your convenience. Please do not use this box if you have any charges on your bill. In accordance with AFI 34-246 **smoking is not permitted in lodging rooms.** You may be charged a minimum of \$50 for cleaning for violating this AFI.

Airlift will be lodged at the Hampton Inn, Prattville.

Airlift Schedule

Aurora Airlift

UTA pick-up schedule Friday:

Depart Maxwell at 1600 local

Arrive Aurora at 1800 local

Depart Aurora at 1830 local

Arrive Maxwell at 2030 local

UTA return schedule Sunday:

Bus departs Bldg. 1056 at 1530

Depart Maxwell at 1600 local

Arrive Aurora at 1830 local

Depart Aurora at 1845 local

Arrive Maxwell at 2100 local

Huntsville/Dobbins Airlift

UTA pick-up schedule Friday:

Depart Maxwell at 1700 local

Arrive Dobbins at 1845 local

Depart Dobbins at 1915 local

Arrive Huntsville at 1845 local

Depart Huntsville at 1915 local

Arrive Maxwell at 1945 local

UTA return schedule Sunday:

Depart Maxwell at 1600 local

Arrive Huntsville at 1645 local

Depart Huntsville at 1700 local

Arrive Dobbins at 1845 local

Depart Dobbins at 1900 local

Arrive Maxwell at 1845 local

Take Note

Spouses get college help

Air Force active duty, Air National Guard or Air Force Reserve spouses looking for money for college, should consider the Aerospace Education Foundation's Air Force Spouse Scholarship program. Air Force Spouse Scholarship program is designed to encourage thirty Air Force spouses worldwide to pursue associate/bachelor undergraduate or graduate/postgraduate degrees by offering \$1,000 scholarships. Spouses who would like to apply for \$1,000 scholarship, should go to <http://www.aef.org/aid/spouse.pdf> for a for program criteria and a downloadable application or call 1-800-291-8480 for

more information. Application deadline is Jan. 31.

ROA Mid-winter meeting in Jan.

The Reserve Officers Association's 2003 Mid-Winter Conference and 18th Annual Military Exposition is set for Jan. 19-23 in Washington, D.C. at the Washington Hilton Hotel. To register online or to obtain more info, go to the ROA web site at <http://www.roa.org/>

Congratulations to the following people:

Promotions

....to Airman First Class

Andrea Krystofiak, 357AS

30-Year Federal Service Pin

Michael Moore, MSS

20-Year Federal Service Pin

Belinda Ray, MSS

Roxanne Ray, 908AW

Wing honors new NCOs

The professional development of the enlisted personnel is of great importance.

An induction ceremony to honor wing members who've recently attained the rank of staff sergeant will be held Sunday, Jan. 12, 8 a.m., in the Polifka Auditorium, Squadron Officer College.

"The program is ongoing on a semi-an-

nual basis. We invite all of the newest non-commissioned officers, their family and guests, commanders, first sergeants, flight chiefs and supervisors to share in this special occasion. Commander and management support is essential for the success of this program. Please plan to attend. All inductees should be in place not later than 7:30 a.m., said Senior Master Sgt. Joyce Voyles, one of the event's organizers.

NAME	UNIT	DOR
Alexander, Jujuana L.	908 ASTS	1 Sep 02
Bennett, Tobora L.	908 LRS	1 Nov 02
Brooks, Jamar D.	908 MXS	1 Nov 02
Casey, David L.	25 APS	1 Sep 02
Dennis, John D.	908 LRS	1 Nov 02
Foley, Christopher J.	908 CES	1 May 02
Fowler, Kenneth R.	908 MXS	1 Sep 02
Herren, Orenthia C.	908 ASTS	1 Nov 02
Hutchinson, Karen M.	908 AES	1 Mar 02
Jenkins, Kendra J.	908 LRS	1 Jul 02
King, Shanna L.	908 CES	1 Sep 02
Lindsey, Preston D.	908 CF	1 Sep 02
McCaughtry, David J.	908 SFS	1 Jul 02
McCoy, Latosha V.	908 CES	1 Sep 02
Mickelson, Tina R.	908 AW	1 Mar 02
Scarcliff, Sean E.	908 AES	1 May 02
Smith, Quadro T.	908 AES	1 Jul 02
Smith, Reginald D.	25 APS	1 May 02
Townsend, Eric D.	908 SFS	1 Jul 02
Walker, Pamela L.	908 SFS	1 Nov 02

Sharp Troop

908ASTS medical technician Senior Airman LaShaundra Gardner refiles medical records in the physical exams section's records room. Gardner was the November Sharp Troop Award recipient. According to Chief Master Sgt. Thrasher Jones, Gardner, the first person that you see before you get your physical on UTA weekends, was selected because of her military bearing and personal appearance. "She's very professional in explaining what to expect during the physical. She introduces herself and then proceeds to answer any questions concerning the physical process. After members receive their medical records, she personally contacts them and explains the stations they are to visit and the type of physical they'll receive," said Jones in describing Gardner's selection.



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